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Pandurangam Sugar Factory, Tiruchirappalli

* 2622 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the management of the Pandurangam Sugar Factory, Tiruchirappalli, has refused to implement the awards given by the Madurai Industrial Tribunal and the Labour Appellate Tribunal to reinstate retrenched workers from 1953 onwards?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir.

Sangeeth Natak Akademi

* 2623 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have constituted the State Branch of the " Sangeeth Natak Akademi ";

(b) what its functions are and who its members are; and

(c) whether the Government have incurred any expenditure on it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

General Council of the Madras Sangeetha Nataka Sangham

* 2624 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations have been received from Malabar regarding the non-inclusion of Malayalee representatives in the General Council of the Madras Sangeetha Nataka Sangham; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to Short Notice Question No. 9 on 23rd August 1955 by Sri K. P. Gopalan.

Karur motor workers industrial disputes

* 2625 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum dated 2nd of April 1955 from the Karur Motor Workers' Union regarding industrial disputes between the workers and the management of D.S.M. Bus Service, Karur; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 682–684 infra.

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Assistant Commissioner of Labour, after discussions with the parties, has brought about an amicable settlement of the dispute.

Improvements to roads in Palghat Municipality

* 2626 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received in August 1954 a resolution, dated 2nd January 1954, from the Palghat Municipality applying for a loan of rupees five lakhs for carrying out improvements to roads in the municipal area ; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government considered the request and informed the council that its request could not be complied with.

Reduction of the price of yarn

* 2627 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the price of yarn supplied to handloom weavers; and

(b) whether the Central Government have been consulted in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) The Government have addressed the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, to devise measures to bring down the prices of yarn consistent with the prices of cotton.

A co-operative spinning mill is also being set up in this State to supply yarn to handloom weavers in the co-operative fold at reasonable rates. On the recommendation of this Government, the Government of India have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 10 lakhs to the mills.

Madras Technological Examination Board

* 2628 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the question of recognition by the Government of India of the Diplomas and Certificates issued by the Madras Technological Examination Board was referred to the Board of Assessment during February 1955?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Technological Diploma Examination Board, Madras, awards only Diplomas and does not issue any certificates. The question of recognition of the diplomas awarded by the Board has been referred to the Board of